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REMARKS

On September 3, 2008 the Examiner and applicant's attorney had a telephone conversation to discuss the final rejection and the pending claims. It was recognized during that conversation that when a defibrillator is able to monitor its electrode pads for movement and removal from their packaging, it is then able to tailor its prompts accordingly during the rescue. A subsequent prompt will be produced by the defibrillator in consideration of the rescuer's handling or lack of handling of the electrodes. This is described on page 3 of applicant's specification, for instance. Accordingly, the Examiner suggested certain language to include in the independent Claims 1, 8, and 14 to specify the prompts in the claims. Applicant's attorney has amended the above claims with the exact language suggested by the Examiner. Additionally, the claims have been amended to specify that the invention relates to an external defibrillator to even further distinguish the invention from the Denniston et al. patent which concerns an internal defibrillator. Internal defibrillators, being surgically implanted in the body, do not generate prompts. US Pat. 4,706,680 (Keusch et al.) was cited for its showing of a medical electrode and mentions use of the electrode with a defibrillator in column 18, but does not describe prompting or any details of a defibrillator. With these independent claims now reciting the claim language suggested by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that they are now in allowable form.

The remaining Claims 3-6 and 19-23 depend from amended independent Claims 1 and 14. Accordingly it is respectfully submitted that these claims are now allowable by reason of their dependency.

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In view of the foregoing remarks it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 14, and 19-23 are now in allowable form and not anticipated by and are patentable over Denniston et al. either alone or in combination with Keusch et al. Accordingly it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 14, and 19-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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